



Creation Care Conference

God's World and our Mission

31st Oct - 1st Nov 2025

blackburncathedral.com/creation



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

About the Conference

Blackburn Cathedral is hosting a Creation Care Conference from 31st October to 1st November, bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

The event takes place in the awe-inspiring presence of Gaia, a large-scale sculpture of the Earth by internationally-renowned artist Luke Jerram. Suspended in the Cathedral's nave, this striking installation prompts a fundamental question: *"What is the relationship between Christianity and concern for human-made climate change?"*

Keynote Speaker



Dr Canon Ruth Valerio
Programmes, Partnerships & Advocacy Director,
Embrace the Middle East

Dr Canon Ruth Valerio, a theologian, environmentalist, and social activist, will headline the conference.

As Programmes, Partnerships & Advocacy Director at Embrace the Middle East, Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral and author of *'Saying Yes to Life'*, Valerio brings deep theological insight and practical experience to questions of environmental justice.

She is known for helping churches engage with creation care as an integral part of Christian discipleship, drawing from Scripture, theology, and lived practice.

Her work combines academic insight with practical experience in community-based environmental action, making her uniquely equipped to address the conference's themes.

blackburncathedral.com/creation

Conference Schedule

Friday 31st October

6.30pm	Doors Open
7pm	Welcome, Gaia Exhibition Drinks & Canapés
7.30pm	Keynote Address: Dr Canon Ruth Valerio
8pm	Interval & Refreshments
8.20pm	Address Responses and Q&A
9pm	Finish

Saturday 1st November

9am	Doors Open
9.30am	Welcome & Opening Worship
10am	Keynote Address: Dr Canon Ruth Valerio
10.30am	Refreshments & Marketplace
11-11.45am	Seminars: Session One
11.55am	Seminars: Session Two
12.40pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Seminars: Session Three
2.15pm	Refreshments & Marketplace
2.50pm	Panel Q&A
3.30pm	Creation Care Eucharist
4.30pm	Finish

Seminars & Speakers

Full details of speakers and seminar topics will be revealed soon.

Please visit blackburncathedral.com/creation for latest updates.

Conference Packages

Attendee options



Full Conference Package £30

This discounted, all-inclusive full package ticket covers entry to every session, all refreshments and a pre-paid lunch on Saturday.

Friday Evening Only	£22
Saturday Only: Pre-Paid Lunch	£12
Saturday Only: Without Lunch	£0

Venue Details

Blackburn Cathedral is two minutes from the bus interchange and railway station. Please note that there is no onsite parking however there are a number of public car parks close by.

Although there are some old, uneven surfaces and care should be taken, the Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. There is level access into and around the building.

Call: 01254 277430

Email: info@blackburncathedral.com

Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA

blackburncathedral.com/creation

All details are correct at time of publication. Please note that conference content, speakers and timings are subject to change and may vary from those listed. Where ticket links are provided, Blackburn Cathedral cannot be held responsible for the content of, or transactions that take place on, external websites. Ticket purchases may feature additional terms and conditions and attract booking fees in addition to the ticket price.

The Cathedral Church of St Mary The Virgin Blackburn is registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. Charity No: 1207822.

Booking Information

How to book

Irrespective of which day(s) you attend and which package you select, all attendees must register in advance - including for free Saturday tickets.

To secure your place, please visit:

blackburncathedral.com/creation

or simply scan the code and select your chosen package.



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**